

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

These replacement paragraphs are submitted to clarify the specification. Applicant submits that no new matter is injected into the application by way of the substitute paragraphs.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 8, with the following paragraph:

-- Referring now to Figures 10A – 10D, tools used to insert carpal implant component **44** into carpal bone complex **32**, are shown. Carpal impactor **120** **128** is designed to engage lower surface **70** of carpal implant component **44** as shown and drive carpal component **44** into carpal bone complex **32** for permanent fixation. Screwdriver **129** is used to insert bone screws **132** for complete fixation.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 11, with the following paragraph:

-- Referring now to Figure 12 a longitudinal dorsal incision **128** **150** is made over the wrist along the line of the third metacarpal, extending proximally from its midshaft. Subcutaneous tissue and skin are elevated sharply from the extensor tendons and retracted medially and laterally using three zero silk retraction sutures, with care to protect the superficial radial nerve and the dorsal cutaneous branch of the ulnar nerve. The extensor retinaculum is opened over the fourth compartment and raised medially and laterally. A dorsal synovectomy is carried out and the wrist extensors are checked for structural integrity.--